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HONGKONG, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1881.

How much lower will it be possible for our morning contemporary to descend? To what degrading depths is the *Daily Press*, known for many years throughout China as a high class journal, to be dragged to satisfy the insane designs of the Anti-Government party, for the purpose of currying favour with a clique who apparently are determined to stop at nothing in their unscrupulous attempts to blacken the official character of Sir John Pope Hennessy? The *Daily Press* has lately been guilty of many mean acts unworthy of a respectable public newspaper; but we think this latest atrocity is the most blackguardly and most contemptible of all. As a system of underhand persecution of a most malevolent character has been carried on through the medium of our morning and evening contemporaries—to their eternal shame be it recorded—against H.E. the Governor for some considerable time past, in which truth, honour, and every characteristic of honest and independent journalism have been made subservient to miserable spite and petty jealousy, we accept this opportunity of laying before the community of Hongkong, the English public at home and abroad, and the Ministers of Her Majesty's Government in London, a fair specimen of the kind of treatment to which Governor Hennessy has been subjected from the old established press of this colony during his term of office. We therefore propose to publish *in extenso* the leading article which appeared in the *Daily Press* of the 23rd inst., and then to submit to public opinion the actual truth of the matters dealt with. The leader is as follows:—

In the London *Globe* we find some details gathered from a report by Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon, printed in a Parliamentary paper just published. The paper in question has not come to hand, but the extracts from the *Globe* serve to show very plainly why the two last reports of the Colonial Surgeon were suppressed. This is how our London contemporary summarizes the report in question:—

"A Parliamentary paper recently issued contains a report by Dr. Ayres, the Colonial Surgeon in Hongkong, in which the peculiarities of its dwellings are described in detail; and those who have the courage to read through his two or three pages of criticism will not be in any great hurry to take up their abode in that centre of Colonial commerce. Amongst the favourite social and domestic customs of the natives in this place is the Hibernian fashion of pig-keeping; but the Chinese householders do not limit their hospitality to this animal to the use of the dwelling-rooms. He is also admitted to the inner chambers, and is not unfrequently accommodated under the bed of his lord and master. A licence is, to be sure, required before these animals can be kept; but it seems to be pretty freely granted by the authorities, as no less than twelve pigs were counted by the medical officer in one kitchen which he inspected. The sanitary arrangements of the people are not, however, such as would

seem likely to bear with impunity such additions to the already numerous inmates of poor houses. Occasionally two houses are separated only by an open sewer about a yard wide. In other cases three or more families are stowed away in a single room, which is partitioned off for their several use. The upper floors are often made of boards which fit so badly that scrubbing is impossible, and the leakage of the second floor tenants comes down in unexpected showers upon the lodgers beneath. At the same time this species of house property remains at a high premium, inasmuch as the landlord is never expected to do any repairs. A house of three rooms, each about fourteen feet square, lets for a rent of from £55 to £70 a year; and as long as it can be prevented from absolutely falling down, is the cause of no expense whatever to the owner."

His Excellency the Governor considered that the revelations made by Dr. Ayres were awkward, we presume, and rendered necessary some action on his part which he was not inclined to take. The suppression of these documents, however, can only be regarded as a miserable confession of weakness. The Colonial Surgeon, simply as a matter of duty, records a condition of things inconsistent with the maintenance of health among the native population, calculated to increase mortality, and to spread epidemics. Instead of burying the report, surely it would have been more in consonance with the duty of the Governor to have had a Commission appointed to inquire into the sanitary condition of the native town and have such improvements effected in the drainage and the construction of all new houses as sanitary science pronounced necessary. It must not be forgotten that during His Excellency's tenure of office more houses have been constructed than in any previous decade probably. Opportunities have thus been afforded of mending matters to some extent, but has it been availed of in any particular? We are not aware that any remedial measures have been adopted or that the slightest improvement has been made in the new houses lately erected. In fact, there is reason to believe that, by the greater height and closer contiguity of the new buildings, the evil has rather been aggravated than otherwise. That no dreadful epidemic has broken out and decimated the population of Taipingshan is ascribable to our good fortune rather than the absence of the germs of disease. His Excellency has more than once in the Council Chamber extolled the Chinese sanitary system, to the detriment of Western systems, and we doubt not he has done the same in his despatches to the Secretary of State. His representations can, however, have little weight against such evidence as that furnished by the Colonial Surgeon, and the fact that an independent commissioner is being sent out to inquire into the subject is indicative of the importance attached to the matter by the Downing-street authorities and of the responsibility the Governor has incurred. Indeed, we hear that His Excellency has of late received a few very severe despatches from home, and no doubt they referred to sanitary as well as other matters. However this may be, it is satisfactory to hear that the Home Government have declined to accept His Excellency's representation on the subject, and that an independent commissioner is to inquire into the matter. It would have been still more satisfactory if the necessity for the inquiry had never been created—if the reports of the Surveyor-General and Colonial Surgeon had been at once accorded the attention they deserved, and if the dangers to the public health which they pointed out had been promptly removed. It is a salutary practice of the law courts to condemn the losing party in suits, and it is almost a pity that the practice cannot be extended to disputes of this kind. The commission will involve expense, which the Colony will most probably be called upon to pay, and it certainly seems somewhat hard that the community should have to pay for the mistakes of a Governor whom they would gladly see removed, and against whose policy they have constantly protested. All this, however, must be submitted to, and the only satisfaction to be got out of it is that the Governor's tortuous system of administration is not uniformly successful. It may, possibly, be urged on the other side that until the inquiry has been held it is unfair to pronounce upon the merits of the case, and that it may turn out that the Governor is right and the Colonial Surgeon wrong. In reply to this the personal experience of the community in sanitary matters may be pleaded, while the Governor, having had resort to such a contemptible expedient as the local suppression of departmental reports, must be taken to have tacitly confessed himself in the wrong, for there can be no doubt that had he been in a position to show that the report was inaccurate he would have demolished it in a characteristic speech in Council and not have exhibited such weakness as to shelter himself behind the enforced ignorance of the community as to what was contained in it.

We specially direct attention to the definite character of the offensive charges deliberately and authoritatively made against Governor Hennessy. The mask of politeness is

thrown away, and the most damning charges which could be associated with the official conduct of a high and responsible officer of the British Crown are coarsely attributed to His Excellency, and triumphantly reiterated throughout the whole of the article. Sir John Pope Hennessy is distinctly accused of having wilfully suppressed, in order to avoid awkward revelations, certain official reports sent in dealing with sanitation and other local measures by Dr. Ayres, the Colonial Surgeon. Not only is the Governor accused of burying the special report, of which the above garbled extract from the *Globe* is a summary, but the *Daily Press* asserts that His Excellency has of late received a few very severe despatches from home, which no doubt refer to sanitary, as well as other matters. The rest of the article, as will be readily seen on reference, is a fiercely hostile attack not on Governor Hennessy's general policy, but on His Excellency himself. The whole of the *Daily Press* leader writer's argument is based on the assumption that, as a matter of fact, the Governor did suppress the Colonial Surgeon's report recently published in a Parliamentary paper, and taking this for his text, the inspired journalist improves the occasion by applying to Her Majesty's Representative all the ugly names in his extensive vocabulary. We are told it is a "great hardship that we should have to pay for a Governor's mistakes"—suppressing an official report deserves a harsher word than this—"whom we would gladly see removed, and against whose policy we have constantly protested." We are likewise informed that His Excellency's "tortuous system of administration is not uniformly successful," which is a source of much gratification to the *Daily Press*. And then we are again seriously assured that the Governor has "resorted to the contemptible expedient of suppressing departmental reports, and by so doing has tacitly confessed himself in the wrong, and exhibited the weakness to shelter himself behind the enforced ignorance of the community."

The charges made by our morning contemporary against H.E. the Governor are of the most serious character, and without undoubted proofs of their absolute accuracy should have never appeared in the columns of a respectable public journal. Are the charges true? They are entirely without foundation, absolutely false from beginning to end. Before going further we consider it advisable to prove this by our contemporary's own words. In the *Daily Press* of yesterday we read:—

"We have done His Excellency the Governor an unintentional injustice, and hasten to make the *amende honorable*. In writing yesterday on the Colonial Surgeon's report we stated that the report itself had not come to hand, and that the extract which we reproduced was taken from a London newspaper. We now find that the statements contained therein were not taken from either of the two last reports, but from that for the year 1874, which was buried, it appears, during Mr. Gardiner Austin's administration. This has been printed in its entirety in the Administrative Reports for 1879, with minutes and marginal notes."

Our contemporary has in the above paragraph, neither made the *amende honorable* for the false and scandalous statements published respecting the Governor, or done His Excellency half justice. After the column and a half of lying assertions and villainous abuse, our contemporary finds that the report referred to was buried, "during the administration of Mr. Gardiner Austin in 1874," years before Sir John Pope Hennessy came to Hongkong. It is enough to say that an unintentional injury has been done His Excellency, probably on the principle that if the scurrilous abuse was not merited in this affair, it will doubtless be deserved some other time.

Now that we have completely opened the eyes of the public to the true character of the *Daily Press*, and the real claims that journal actually pos-

sesses to the confidence of the community, as an honest, reliable, and trustworthy representative of public opinion, we can devote a slight amount of attention to the Report of Dr. Ayres, which has caused all this commotion. The Annual Report of the Colonial Surgeon for the year 1874, dated April 5th, 1875, has been printed in full with minutes and marginal notes in a volume of Hongkong Administrative Reports, and garbled extracts from the same appear in some papers laid before both Houses of the British Parliament in August last. The report is a comprehensive one, Dr. Ayres' observations concerning the health of the Colony and the different establishments under his supervision, dealing with the Police, Troops, Government Civil Hospital, Tung Wah Hospital, Victoria Gaol, Lock Hospital, Health of the Colony, and Sanitation. Our space being limited, we must reserve the publication of the Colonial Surgeon's views on the different matters dealt with in his voluminous report and our comments thereon until a more favourable opportunity, when we can deal with them in detail, and compare the state of affairs seven years ago with what actually exists at the present time. The Report was sent into Mr. Cecil Clementi Smith, who was Acting Colonial Secretary, on April 6th, 1875, and elicited the following minute from that official:—

"I think that the Government is much indebted to the Colonial Surgeon for this Report, but I do not consider that it would be in any way advisable to print it in its entirety. It contains details which should be the subject of special Reports, and is in some parts misleading."

Mr. J. Gardiner Austin, who, during the absence of Sir Arthur Kennedy, was administering the Government approved of Mr. C. C. Smith's suggestions in the following minute:—

"I quite agree with you that this cannot be printed in its entirety. I leave it entirely to your discretion to apply the pruning knife."

The result of this was that Dr. Ayres' report was "cooked" by Messrs. Austin and Smith to suit their own views, and the "pruning knife" was mercilessly applied to the whole of the remarks on Sanitation, and the more important references concerning the Tung Wah Hospital and Victoria Gaol. With these important omissions the Colonial Surgeon's Annual Report for 1874 was duly printed. The part played by Sir John Pope Hennessy in this affair will be best gathered from the following letter which appears in the printed papers laid before Parliament:—

Governor Sir J. Pope Hennessy, K.O.M.G., to The Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley.

Government House, Hongkong,
September 17, 1880.

MY LORD.—The two special reports of the Colonial Surgeon in 1874, on the sanitary state of the licensed brothels, and on the state of the streets, lanes, and houses in certain parts of the town, and specially those parts where pigs were kept in dwelling-houses under Government license, are herewith enclosed for your Lordship's information. I was not aware of the existence of those reports until your Lordship's Despatch of 14th May, 1880, drew my attention to the Colonial Surgeon's annual report dated 5th April, 1875, which was suppressed at that time by the executive, and which I recently ordered to be printed in full, and which was laid before your Lordship in my Despatch of 15th July, 1880.

"I have no doubt Governor Sir Arthur Kennedy took steps to remedy the abuses disclosed in those various reports, but I find it somewhat difficult to trace the precise measures that he adopted. Your Lordship will observe that in his minute on the sanitary state of the licensed brothels, Sir Arthur Kennedy said:—'This is a horrible revelation.' And Mr. Gardiner Austin, the Colonial Secretary, says:—'If, without exaggeration, this report reflects seriously upon the Government in respect to the past, and throws much responsibility upon it as regards the future.'"

"Mr. C. C. Smith, the head of the Department, responsible for having licensed the houses in question, and for the general administration of the Brothels Ordinance, does not appear to call in question the serious statements made by the Colonial Surgeon; nor does he seem to doubt the value of the remedies sug-

gested, with the exception of the proposed inspection of the houses by the Surveyor-General."

"But whatever improvements were effected by my predecessor, I cannot say that I was entirely satisfied with the sanitary work of the Colonial Surgeon and the Surveyor-General as disclosed in my own inspection of public institutions, more especially within their province as health officers, and of the streets and lanes in the Chinese quarter of the town. On the other hand, duties have been thrown upon these two gentlemen, which under laws of the Colony, should have been performed by other officers specially designated for sanitary work.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. POPE HENNESSY.

It would therefore appear that instead of suppressing the now famous report of the Colonial Surgeon, our present Governor was actually the means of having it printed and brought directly under the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and both Houses of Parliament. Instead of receiving unjustifiable censure for what he never did, His Excellency has firmly established his claim to a very large meed of praise for what he has actually accomplished against bitter opposition and ceaseless persecution, to remedy many of the grievances pointed out by Dr. Ayres. We are glad to notice in the Parliamentary Papers that Governor Hennessy's action in that most abominable practice followed by the officers of the Registrar General's Department under the Brothel Ordinance in the detection of unlicensed prostitution, namely, the employment of informers, has received the warm approval of Her Majesty's Government. In a despatch dated, July 26th, 1881, Earl Kimberley says:—"The system of informers paid to obtain evidence by personal intercourse with women, which was introduced in 1860 simultaneously with the appointment of inspectors, was a revolting abuse which you most properly put a stop to as far back as the month of October 1877." With regard to another matter which has attracted a great deal of attention in England, the cruel treatment of prisoners in gaol, the Annual Report of the Howard Association—an admirable institution, the members of which are men of rank and standing including a large number of M.P.s—says:—"Another example of this (cruel treatment of prisoners) was afforded by the barbarisms of criminal treatment at Hongkong, until the noble-hearted Governor Pope Hennessy braved the opposition of selfish and inhuman colonists, and effected a practically successful reform of the system." We could quote dozens of instances in which His Excellency's enlightened policy, during his government of this Colony, has elicited the admiration and approval of some of the greatest men of the century, men whose judgment is neither to be misled or influenced by selfish aims; but as we have already taken great liberties with our limited space one more extract must suffice to show the estimation Governor Pope Hennessy is held in by those who are in a position to appreciate his thorough consistency in the cause of progress, for the amelioration of those whom fate has placed under his government. At a meeting of the City of London Committee, held in January last under the presidency of Samuel Morley, M.P., a resolution was unanimously passed which honours Governor Hennessy as few public men have ever been honoured. We quote but one paragraph which says that:—"His Excellency the Governor, in particular, deserves the grateful acknowledgments of all who value liberty, purity, humanity, and the righteous administration of English Law." This was no Exeter Hall conclave, but a body of gentlemen whose names are honourably known as living monuments of England's greatness. In addition to Samuel Morley, there were present Sir Thomas Chambers, Q.O., M.P., Recorder of the City of London; Sir Charles Reed, L.L.D., F.S.A., Chairman of the London School Board; Sir Andrew Lusk, Bart., M.P.; Sir Francis Lycey; William McArthur,

M.P., S. D. Waddy, Q.C., M.P., A. McArthur, M.P.; John Holmes, the celebrated Radical member for Hackney, and many other gentlemen equally well known to fame. Most of these men are Governor Hennessey's political opponents, but political differences are forgotten in doing honour to a Governor, who, in spite of factious local opposition, has proved himself by his advanced and statesmanlike policy to be far and away the best Governor ever sent to Hongkong.

The recent troubles in New Zealand would appear to be abating. Affairs in that colony are reported to have assumed a more pacific character.

Count de Korospotak has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Austro-Hungarian Empire, in succession to the late Baron Haymerle.

We hear that an attempt to raise the steamer *Pakhoi* was to be made yesterday. No information as to the result of the trial has yet reached us.

Her Majesty's youngest son, Prince Leopold has been betrothed to the Princess Helene of Waldeck. We need scarcely say that Waldeck is a German principality, with a population of about one third that of Hongkong.

We learn from the Agent that the Pacific Mail Company's steamship *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the American Mails, left San Francisco for Yokohama and this port on Tuesday last the 22nd inst.

The steamship *Kwangtung* undocked at Aberdeen this morning. The *City of Tokio* will go round to the Hope Dock in the course of the afternoon. The British ship *Agnis Muir* will be docked of Kowloon to-night.

A telegram from London dated the 23rd inst. states that arrangements have been made for a resumption of negotiations to settle the Treaty of Commerce between Britain and France about the middle of December.

The adjourned inquest on the body of the man William Lucas, a seaman on board the ship *Lothair*, was resumed at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon. After hearing evidence as to identification, the jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned."

Ireland has not yet "calmed down." A telegram was received from London yesterday to the effect that outrages are gradually reviving in Ireland. The *Times* devotes a leader to the subject, and announces that the general situation is disappointing and disquieting.

The French frigate *Thémis*, Captain Alquier, bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral Duperré, arrived here this morning from Shanghai, which port she left on the 21st inst. The *Thémis* saluted shortly after she dropped anchor, which was promptly acknowledged.

The well known race-pony Tam O'Shanter, winner of the Valley Stakes and Exchange Plate at our last Hongkong Races, arrived from Manila by the steamship *Esmeralda* this morning. Tam O'Shanter, now the property of a well known Manila sportsman, joins Mr. Gordon's team.

A parade and inspection of the Government Fire Brigade was held yesterday afternoon by the deputy superintendent Mr. Carvalho. There was, as usual, a large muster of firemen. After the inspection, the engines were taken to the Praya where a very satisfactory practice was held.

About three months ago our excellent evening contemporary, the *China Mail* appointed Sir Henry Irving to the Governorship of Hongkong. We presume Sir Henry's appointment by the *Mail* was not ratified at Downing Street. In any case the enterprising organ of the missionaries has again come up smiling to the scratch, and undeterred by past rebuffs, appoints Sir George F. Bowen, or Sir William C. F. Robinson, as Governor Hennessey's successor. The *China Mail* has appointed nearly the whole of the colonial officials available for this post, so that we must get the straight tip one of these days.

The House Property case, *Da Rosa v. Ho Atim* came on before the Full Court yesterday afternoon. Mr. Francis, instructed by Messrs. Stephens and Holmes, moved *ex parte* on behalf of the defendant for a rule nisi calling on the plaintiff to show cause why the order of 17th November, 1881, should not be set aside. The subject of the motion was to compel the plaintiff to annex to his petition a copy of the contract on which he brought the action. Mr. Francis contended on behalf of the defendant that the contract would at once disclose that the plaintiff had no cause of action, so that if it were made part of the petition the defendant could move to have it dismissed, which would save the expense and delay of a trial in ordinary course. The cause of action alleged in the petition was that by an agreement entered into between the parties, dated 20th September, the plaintiff agreed to sell and the defendant to purchase a piece of ground at the price of \$2.75 per square foot, and that the defendant should thereupon pay the sum of \$5,000 as deposit. The plaintiff sought to recover this \$5,000, whereas, according to the defendant's case, if the agreement were set out it would instantly appear that he had never agreed to pay any deposit at all. The rule was made and further time allowed to answer.

TRAINING NOTES.

The weather this morning was simply delightful, but strange to say only a very small number of "sports" turned up at the race course. Those who stayed away missed a treat, as advantage was taken of the good going by most of the trainers to "pow" their subscription griffins. It is a very good plan to waste no time before finding out what your ponies are actually made of, and there can be little doubt that these preliminary trials, while the animals are in the rough, prove very valuable to trainers, by indicating either the merits or defects of the ponies, so that the course of training best suited to the special requirements of each may be adopted. We are reluctantly compelled to admit that the subscription griffins—in the rough—or at least those we have seen galloped, are anything but brilliant specimens of the genus racer. Three or four move along in fair form, but the majority are "Dead Sea fruit." Of course a few weeks' training may improve matters wonderfully, but it is hardly likely that the Derby winner will spring from the subscription mob. Our Canton correspondent sends us a very glowing account of three griffins located at the City of Rams under the care of Vicomte D'Arnoux, and we are quite prepared to see the chesnut in this team turn out something better than the ordinary run. The plying this morning appeared to give lively satisfaction to most of the owners concerned. Mr. Henry's smart little brown again exhibited good form, and the dun and black in Mr. W. M. Morgan's stable covered the ground at a fair pace. Mr. Paul's team had a sharp burst, both the black and the cream going well. The flea bitten grey in the same lot raced down the straight with one of Mr. Gordon's greys, and had all the best of a slogging finish. Mr. Theo's white, ridden by the "Horse," galloped in company with one of Mr. Henry's and pulled over his opponent all the way. Mr. Grammont's team trotted and cantered, in much improved form to that previously exhibited, a sturdy grey, ridden by the owner, being to our way of thinking the pick of the lot. Mr. E. M. Barretto's dark grey, and Mr. Gordon's Lochiel, galloped separately, and Souter Johnny and Langsyne had a sharp burst up the Black Rock hill, the chesnut pulling over the subscription pony all the way. The old ponies Dauntless and Lord of the Isles did quiet work, both of the "crops" having apparently got over their lameness. Mr. Tripp has got the training course in good condition, and no doubt he will be able to keep it in galloping order throughout the season.

A duel with swords was fought at Malmesbury between the Prince de Chimai, a Belgian Deputy, and M. de Beville, editor of the Gambettist journal, *Henri IV*. After five rounds, M. de Beville was seriously wounded in two places, and the surgeon stopped the fight.—*L. & C. Express*.

SAMOA.

News has been received from Apia, via Fiji, to the effect after the late war excitement, the natural reaction appears to have set in. Two accidents have happened through a careless use of dynamite. The natives who were located at the forts, and others who had left their districts during the war, have now nearly all returned to their respective homes. House building and food planting seems to be the order of the day. Some disquieting rumours arose as to the position of the Itutu-tane, but the reports were not sufficiently authentic to warrant much reliance being placed on them. The activity in business which followed the close of the war has now died away and nothing is doing; the low price of copra intensifies the dullness, and unless an improvement in the state of matters shortly takes place, business in Apia will be reduced to a lower ebb than has been experienced since its establishment as a commercial centre. Captain Brown, of the *Sirocco* reports that business is much impeded at Tahiti owing to the high tariff placed by the French authorities on all classes of imports.—*Sydney Morning Herald*.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THIS DAY, One P.M.

The only business transacted in the share market since our last issue has been in connection with Docks. We stated yesterday that the stock was firm, with an upward tendency, and our anticipations that a rise in the price current was imminent have been verified to the letter. Something like 400 shares were sold at 25 per cent. premium, and then the supply immediately ceased. Buyers offered 26, and then 27, but still no shares were forthcoming. Various attempts have been made this morning to renew negotiations, but so far as we have been able to ascertain not a single share has changed hands. The subjoined quotation, 28 per cent. premium, may be accepted as the present market rate, and we doubt not that business will be done at that rate during the course of the afternoon. No other stock has been inquired after.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—112 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,625 per share.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,575 per share.
North-China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 850 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$292½ per share, sellers.
Man On Insurance Company, Limited—\$25 per share premium.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$910 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$285 per share.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—28 per cent. premium.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company—\$21 per share premium.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 132 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$85 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$100 per share.
Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$165 per share, Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$127½ per share.
Sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$50 per share.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—1½ per cent. premium, ex interest.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—2 per cent. premium, Buyers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank Bills, T.T. 3/8
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/9
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/9½
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/9½
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 3/9½
On PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 4.81
Credits, at 4 months' sight 22½
On BOMBAY—Bank, T.T. 22½
On CALCUTTA—Bank, T.T. 22½
On SHANGHAI—Bank, T.T. 7¼
Private, 30 days' sight 7¼

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(TAKEN AT MESSRS. FALCONER AND CO.'S REGISTER, QUEEN'S-ROAD.)

Hongkong, 24th & 25th November, 1881.
BAROMETER—1 P.M. 30.192
Do. 4 P.M. 30.190
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. 63.
Do. 4 P.M. 67.
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 65.
Do. 4 P.M. Do. 62.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. 30.316
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 64.
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet Bulb) 57.
Do. Maximum 68.
Do. Minimum (over night) 60.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 24, BELLONA, German steamer, 789, L. Fickmeier, Bangkok 15th Nov., Rice and fish.—Siemssen & Co.
Nov. 24, PENSO, British steamer, 652, T. S. Konderdine, Saigon 18th Nov., General.—Tung Kee & Co.
Nov. 24, CANTON, British steamer, 1,095, John O. Jaques, Singapore 18th Nov., General.—Ghee Cheong.
Nov. 24, ELLIOTTS, British bark, 285, George Oughton, Nowohwang 14th Nov., Beans.—Chinese.
Nov. 25, ESMERALDA, British steamer, 395, Talbot, Manila 22nd Nov., General.—Russell & Co.
Nov. 25, FOKIAN, British steamer, 509, J. O. Abbott, Amoy 24th Nov., General.—Douglas Lapaik & Co.
Nov. 25, THOMAS, French frigate, 3,840, Baron Alquier, Shanghai 21st Nov.
Nov. 25, CHINA, German steamer, 648, H. Schoer, Swatow 24th Nov., General.—Hing Kee.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 24, CHING-TEING, Chinese gunboat, for a cruise.
Nov. 24, MOZART, German brig, for Bangkok.
Nov. 25, VERONA, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Nov. 25, NINGPO, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Nov. 25, DIAMANTE, British steamer, for Manila.
Nov. 25, B. H. STEENKEN, German brig, for Dunedin.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per China, steamer, from Swatow, 64 Chinese.
Per Fokien, steamer, from Amoy, 4 Europeans deck, and 26 Chinese.
Per Esmeralda, steamer, from Manila, Lieut. J. B. Morris, N.S.N., and 111 Chinese.
Per Canton, steamer, from Singapore, 600 Chinese.
Per Penedo, steamer, from Saigon, 152 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per Diamante, steamer, for Manila, 5 Europeans, and 150 Chinese.
Per Ningpo, steamer, for Shanghai, 2 Europeans, and 60 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The German steamer *China* reports fine weather with North and North-easterly winds.
The British steamer *Esmeralda*, from Manila, reports strong monsoon and high sea.
The German steamer *Bellona*, from Bangkok, reports first part of the voyage calm and southerly winds; from 21st Nov. strong North-easterly winds.
The British steamer *Canton*, from Singapore, reports moderate and fine weather first part of passage; latter part strong monsoon and thick rainy weather.
The British steamer *Fokien* reports:—From Amoy to Lamook light N.E. winds and fine weather; from thence to port fresh northerly breeze and clear weather. In Amoy, Dutch frigate *Atjeh*, Company's steamer *Hailong*; steamers *Europe* and *Welle*. Passed Company's steamer *Namoa* and O. S. S. Company's steamer bound into Amoy harbour.
The British steamer *Penedo* reports:—Left Saigon at 11 p.m. on 18th inst.; passed Cape St. James at 6 a.m. on 19th, Cape Padaran at 11 p.m. same day; passed Verolla at noon 20th, anchored off Green Island at midnight 24th. From Cape St. James to lat. of Paracels moderate monsoon and sea; thence fresh N.E. gales and very high sea with much rain. In lat. 15 N. passed steamer *Ashington* bound south.

MAILS.

The following mails will close:—
TO-DAY, 25th November.—
For Kobe and Yokohama, per Takasago Maru, at 3.30 p.m. For Sourabaya, per Tunia, at 6 p.m.
TO-MORROW, 26th November.—
For Amoy, per Esmeralda, at 11.30 a.m.
For Saigon, per Pernambuco, at 4.30 p.m.
For Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui, per Fokien, at 5 p.m.
For Keelung, per Decima, at 11.30 a.m.
For Swatow, per Yotung, at 5 p.m.
On MONDAY, 28th November.—
For the United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, and Mauritius, per Thibet; printed matter at 2 p.m., letters at 3 p.m.
For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, per Kwangtung, at 5 p.m.
For Bangkok, per Rajanattianhar, at 5 p.m.
On WEDNESDAY, 30th November.—
For Nagasaki and Yokohama, per Malacca, at 11.30 a.m.
For Singapore, per Bellona, at 3.30 p.m.
On FRIDAY, 2nd December.—
For Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., per City of Tokio, at 2.30 p.m.

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ERMITAGE LUDON, THIBIEU (Chateau), pints and quarts.
CHATEAU LA ROSE (Ouroier & Ade's), pints and quarts.
CHATEAU LA FITE, pints and quarts.
IRES GRAVES, pints and quarts.
BREAKFAST CLARET, pints and quarts.
OLD INVALID CLARET.
St. JULIEN, &c., &c. Breakfast Claret.
Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.
Chamberlain, Chablis (White), Liebfraumilch, Hockheimer, Niersteiner, Steinberger Cabinet, Rudesheimer Berg, Konin Victoria Berg, Chateau Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut Sauterne, Marsala, Saccos's Pale Dry White Seal Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado Sherry, Outler Palmer and Co.'s Sherry, Invalid Port (1848), Hunt's Port.
Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c.
1, 2 and 3-star Hennessy's Brandy, La Grande Marque Brandy, Outler Palmer & Co.'s Brandy, Brandy, Rouyer Guillet & Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars; Finest Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recommended, Kinahan's LL Irish Whisky, Jamieson's Irish Whisky, Royal Glendee Whisky; AVH Gin, Swaine Boord & Co.'s Old Tom Gin; La Grande Chartreuse, Green and Yellow, Maraschino de Zara, Curacao, pints and quarts; Angostura, Boker's and Orange Bitters, &c., &c., &c.
BASS'S ALE, bottled by Cameron and Saunders, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E & J. Burke, pints and quarts.
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A. SUENSON,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 11th 1881.

Hongkong, 188.

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"Telegraph" Office, Hongkong,
October 1st, 1881.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures this morning.

In this table the anchorage of Hongkong Harbour is divided, for purposes of reference, into five sections:—No. 1 extending from Green Island to the P. and O. Company's Wharf; No. 2 from the P. & O. Company's Wharf to the Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf; No. 3 from the Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf to the Government Wharf; No. 4 from the Government Wharf to the Wanchai Pier; and No. 5 from the Wanchai Pier to Kellett's Island.

Vessels.	Section.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tonn.	Consignees.
Steamers.						
Atlanta	2	Nov. 20	Pfaffel	German	787	Siemssen & Co.
Ballona	2	Nov. 24	Fickmeier	German	789	Siemssen & Co.
Bowen	3	Nov. 17	Darke	British	844	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Brutus	3	Nov. 20	Yoege	German	460	Benedict & Co.
Canton	2	Nov. 24	J. O. Jacques	British	1035	Ghee Cheong.
City of Tokio	3	Nov. 24	J. Maury	American	5079	P. M. S. S. Co.
Conquest	3	Nov. 23	Hamlin	British	318	Shun Hang Hong.
Crusader	4	Nov. 23	Rowen	British	700	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Decima	3	Nov. 17	Petersen	German	1151	Vogel & Co.
Emeralda	3	Nov. 25	Talbot	British	355	Russell & Co.
Fame	3	—	A. Stopani	British	117	H. K. & W. Dock Co.
Fyen	2	Nov. 24	Groove	Danish	909	Butterfield & Swire.
Hongkong	1	Oct. 28	Kannett	British	67	K. Acheong & Sons.
Kang-ohi	3	Nov. 24	Marsden	Chinese	688	C. M. S. N. Co.
Kiang-ping	3	Oct. 19	Holms	Chinese	392	C. M. S. N. Co.
Kwangtung	1	Nov. 22	M. Young	British	674	D. Lapraik & Co.
Pacific	3	Nov. 7	Sachse	German	69	Siemssen & Co.
Paladin	3	Nov. 19	Parker	British	897	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Panado	2	Nov. 24	Kendordine	British	652	Tung Kee & Co.
Pernambuco	3	Nov. 19	Flyde	British	643	Melchers & Co.
Rajasthanianhar	2	Nov. 23	Hopkins	British	750	Xuen Fat Hong.
Sea Gull	4	—	Hayden	American	48	China Traders Co.
Shun Tip	3	July 7	Man Fu	Annamese	93	Captain.
Solway	2	Nov. 22	Jarvis	British	510	Vogel & Co.
Takasago Maru	3	Nov. 21	C. Young	Japanese	1280	M. B. M. S. S. Co.
Tunis	3	Nov. 24	Irvin	British	886	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Xangtsze	3	Sept. 30	Schultze	British	782	Siemssen & Co.
Yee-Tay	3	July 7	Lee Tung Tuk	Annamese	1200	Captain.
Yotung	3	Nov. 22	Goggin	British	286	K. Acheong & Sons.
Yung-ohing	4	Nov. 22	Wallace	Chinese	761	C. M. S. N. Co.

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Sailing Vessels.

Adele	4	Oct. 18	Logemann	Ger. bark	1132	Melchers & Co.
Agnes Muir	3	Oct. 31	J. Lowe	Brit. ship	901	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Alva	2	Aug. 14	L. de Souza	Port. ship	632	Brandao & Co.
Anna	3	Nov. 18	W. Jeffen	Ger. bark	447	Order.
Arab	3	Nov. 11	G. Moos	Ger. bark	541	Wieler & Co.
August Friedrich	3	Nov. 17	Y. Bruhn	Ger. bark	384	Siemssen & Co.
Begezia	2	Nov. 8	Anderson	Ger. bark	333	Order.
Belle Morse	4	Nov. 17	Norton	Amr. ship	1307	Order.
Blue Jacket	4	Nov. 21	Percival	Amr. ship	1396	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Caroline	3	Nov. 24	Michelsen	Ger. 3m sch	273	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Channel Queen	2	Nov. 9	Le Lacheur	Brit. bark	609	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Cuba	2	Nov. 15	Stabell	Brit. bark	320	Captain.
Daniel Barnes	3	July 22	J. G. Stover	Amr. ship	1485	Vogel & Co.
Edmond Phinney	5	Sept. 14	J. Berry	Amr. ship	751	Carlowitz & Co.
Elliotts	3	Nov. 25	Geo. Crichton	Brit. brig	285	Chinese.
Elvira Dorale	1	Sept. 9	Fimentel	Hawai. sh.	1363	Captain.
Emma	3	Nov. 18	Michelsen	Ger. bark	220	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Erikonig	2	Nov. 9	A. Nauroh	Ger. bark	456	Siemssen & Co.
Esmeralda	2	Nov. 7	H. Bröck	Ger. bark	788	Siemssen & Co.
Ferdinand	2	Nov. 14	Westergaard	Ger. bark	416	Wieler & Co.
Florence Night'gal	2	Nov. 20	McIntyre	Brit. bark	464	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Fluella	3	Nov. 21	Fearlett	Brit. bark	498	Chinese.
Francesca	1	Nov. 12	Buck	Ger. bark	368	Siemssen & Co.
Glenvey	2	Nov. 17	Thomson	Br. 3-m sch.	283	Chinese.
Gustav & Oscar	1	Sept. 16	Hartmann	Ger. ship	1352	Captain.
Haward	4	Oct. 28	Samuel Pray	Amr. bark	1033	Captain.
Helicon	5	Oct. 5	Howe	Amr. ship	1199	Captain.
Hermes	2	Nov. 16	Grube	Ger. bark	480	Melchers & Co.
Hindustan	3	Sept. 10	Belyea	Brit. ship	1547	Captain.
Hiram Emery	4	Nov. 15	Wymar	Amr. bark	709	Order.
Hope	4	Oct. 7	Curtis	Amr. ship	797	D. Lapraik & Co.
Humboldt	2	Nov. 20	Stoll	Ger. bark	329	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Iceberg	4	Sept. 24	C. F. King	Amr. ship	1177	Siemssen & Co.
Jenfaiden	2	Nov. 15	Bentley	Br. 3-m sch.	287	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
John Potts	2	Nov. 14	Brown	Brit. bark	373	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Kjobernhavn	2	Nov. 7	Magleby	Dan. bark	353	Wieler & Co.
Kolga	2	Nov. 9	Kleffel	Rft. bark	359	Chinese.
Laura	3	Nov. 18	Von Ehren	Ger. bark	332	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Leonore	4	Nov. 18	Petersen	Amr. ship	1440	Captain.
Lochiel	2	Nov. 15	Ewan	Brit. schr.	216	Siemssen & Co.
Lota	2	Nov. 24	Dudfield	Brit. bark	472	Chinese.
Lothair	2	Nov. 15	Boulton	Brit. ship	795	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Louis Eugene	2	Nov. 22	Menard	Fron. bark	438	Captain.
Luoy	2	Oct. 30	Habekost	Brit. schr.	219	Chinese.
Manhem	3	Nov. 15	Jansson	Swed. schr.	463	Siemssen & Co.
Margrethe	3	Nov. 8	Tassen	Ger. bark	317	Wieler & Co.
Mario	3	Nov. 17	Island	Ger. bark	465	Captain.
McNear	4	Oct. 21	Taylor	Amr. ship	1268	Captain.
Minerva	3	Nov. 9	P. Duhme	Ger. brig	319	Melchers & Co.
Minna	2	Nov. 11	T. Dan	Ger. bark	467	Captain.
Morning Star	3	—	Michaelson	Siam. bark	570	Chinese.
Nautilus	2	Nov. 9	Stölp	Ger. bark	735	Siemssen & Co.
Orient	2	Nov. 16	Leimnemann	Ger. bark	461	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Pelham	2	Nov. 18	R. Downie	Brit. brig	254	Yee Cheong Tai.
Prudencia	2	Sept. 10	Dudrichsen	Ger. bark	864	Carlowitz & Co.
Pym	4	Nov. 18	Stapleton	Brit. bark	558	H. Masuda.
Queen of India	2	Nov. 12	Scott	Brit. bark	390	Chinese.
Rambler	4	Oct. 7	Watson	Amr. bark	1018	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Red Cross	4	Nov. 18	Howland	Amr. ship	1300	Order.
Richard Parsons	4	Nov. 17	Puckard	Amr. bark	1160	Captain.
R. Robinson	5	Sept. 14	Smith	Amr. ship	1652	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Roderick Hay	2	Nov. 14	Nicolson	Brit. bark	290	Order.
Samar	4	Nov. 15	O. Miller	Amr. ship	1110	Vogel & Co.
Schwan	2	Nov. 24	L. Schroder	Ger. brig	276	Siemssen & Co.
Spartan	**	Nov. 15	Vincent	Amr. schr.	8	W. H. Ray.
Spirit of the Age	3	Nov. 17	Williams	Brit. bark	347	Chinese.
Sophia	2	Nov. 21	Bingo	Ger. brig	280	Wieler & Co.
Souvenir	**	Oct. 16	Williams	Brit. bark	482	Captain.
Stonewall Jackson	4	Sept. 16	Swain	Amr. bark	1102	Russell & Co.
Syren	2	Oct. 5	Braun	Amr. ship	875	D. Lapraik & Co.
Ta Loo	2	Nov. 9	C. Stolgo	Ger. bark	342	Siemssen & Co.
Twilight	5	Sept. 27	Westland	Amr. ship	1308	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Wm. Turner	3	Nov. 15	Vandervord	Brit. bark	631	Captain.

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